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Mr. Peter Felitti
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Re: Great Lakes Asphalt Site

Dear Mr. Felitti:


I am writing on behalf of West Publishing Company ("West") in response to your letter of September 4, 1991, regarding the Great Lakes Asphalt Site. You requested an indication from the small potentially responsible parties as to their willingness to engage in settlement discussions with the US EPA.

It is my understanding that the Enviro-Chem Steering Committee is or will soon be contacting you regarding your proposal for a de minimis settlement. West has been a member of the Enviro-Chem group, and I would expect West to continue to work within that group to resolve this matter. Therefore, I inform you that West intends to wait for the results of the discussions between you and the Enviro-Chem Steering Committee before determining how to proceed in response to your September 4 letter.

Please call with any questions.

Sincerely,

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